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Julie Brown
Staff Writer

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Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams is pleased voters spoke Aug. 7 on a 1.45-mill road tax to upgrade roads within his township.

"I'm happy that the residents of Canton gave us clear direction to move forward," Williams said the morning following primary Election Day. "I'm happy our direction is clear."

The millage for road upgrades was OK'd by 56.05 percent (11,799) yes votes to 43.95 percent (9,252) against. Williams is pleased both with record turnout, seen throughout Michigan in the Aug. 7 primary, and with hard work done to educate local voters.

He credited the factual, informational approach township officials took and said it helped a great deal.

"Absolutely. It was crucial to the success. The Canton Township team, they really stepped up. They worked together on many different levels. I think that contributed to the record turnout."

Williams also noted the short span of time available to educate Canton voters about the issue.

Williams cautioned that road improvement planning is under way in Canton, and has been for years, but "These things are not going to happen overnight. We are going to be successful but it's not going to be overnight. This is truly a 20-year plan."

He noted ongoing planning, including the need to acquire rights of way to widen roads and make them safer. Canton Township has had ongoing efforts in particular to make heavily traveled Ford Road safer, looking into a boulevard design to reduce speeds and crashes.

Canton Municipal Services and finance/budget directors are sitting with Williams now on plans, with a Board of Trustees study session on tap in the next few months.

Williams noted Ford Road Boulevard plans have a three-to

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Final chapter?

Northville librarian looks ahead to future retirement

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Anne Mannisto has found a career that suits her life long enthusiasm.

Mannisto is the director at the Northville District Library, a job she says suits her perfectly.

"I got a job in a library and I fell in love with being in a library," said Mannisto from her office at the library on Cady Street south of Main in downtown Northville.

She started at what was then the Northville Public Library as the director when it was smaller and not yet in "district library" governance. She was later a department head at the Southfield Public Library, and came back as Northville District Library assistant director in 1997.

Mannisto, a Northville resident who likes her short commute, is now director as an interim following Julie (Herrin) LaLiberte's retirement as the Northville library director. Mannisto's said she plans to stay until January 2019 and will then retire.

"It's a time of great change," Mannisto said, noting a construction project close to completion. "To have some continuity (and not) have the top two people leave" during the construction phase was advised.

"We're just changing a whole lot," she said of the addition that includes a new conference room, two study rooms and a redo of the staff work room. "It's a time of great flux."

She holds a master of library science degree from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor along with a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

"Nothing was online then," she recalled of her early career. "I put the first computers in the (Northville) library."

She extols the "wonderful information" now online while also acknowledging the need for printed books. "I personally prefer to read from a book," said Mannisto, who prints out longer articles from her computer to read.

"We are still a center of learning for all kinds of people. We know people don't stop needing to learn when they get their degrees."

She and other librarians read a July 2018 Forbes.com opinion piece by an academic who said closing public libraries would save governments money and those services could be filled by businesses,

Anne Mannisto, Northville District Library director, likes to read both fiction and nonfiction, generally one of each simultaneously.

"That got so much pushback" that Forbes took it down online, Mannisto said. "The fact that there was such a public outcry made me feel good."

She agrees her library and others help adults with things like Gale courses on financial software and more, as well as learning hobbies such as digital photography. Consumer and business reference resources can be accessed, including from homes using a library card.

Her community includes many college graduates, although Mannisto notes some may need to learn a new language or other skill. She agrees books help to bridge cultures.

"This is the importance of reading nonfiction in particular. It makes us I think more open-minded and empathetic. You're entering into someone else's mind and way of thinking."

A foreign film series in Northville, most with subtitles, also bridges cultures and is popular with patrons, she added.

The building project, budgets, work with the seven-person elected library board and personnel fills her days, she said. Mannisto likes to

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Taste Fest tickets go on sale

Members of the Plymouth-Canton Civitans Club are already preparing for their participation in the Plymouth Fall Festival this year.

The club members do double duty during the festival each year with their booth outside Kellogg Park taking digital photos and putting them on buttons, magnets, Christmas ornaments, and round or square key chains. Club members have been doing this for "as long as anybody can remember" and have families who have visited the booth for years and have collected a visual record of their family.

The Civitans also sponsor the annual Taste Fest in Plymouth Old Village from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 7. The event, as has become a tradition, will take place at Station 885 where a gigantic 40 by 120-foot tent will be erected and there will be live music, a cash bar, fantastic food and refreshments. Ticket holders will enjoy treats from: Participants include: Anna's House, Applebee's Grill & Bar, Bahama Breeze, b.d.'s Mongolian Grill, Beyond Borders-Latin Street Food, Dave's Jump'n Jambalaya Sauce, Edible Arrangements, Grand Traverse Pie Co., Granite City Food & Brewery, Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches, J.B.'s Smokehouse, LaBistecca Italian Grille, Leo's Coney Island, Scramblers, Station 885, The Cupcake Station, The Polish Pantry, Vintner's Canton Winery, Westborn Market, Zoup!-Northville.

In addition to the wine tasting included in the admission, Granite City will be offering beer samples.

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Romulus schools Sinking Fund approved

The third time was the charm for Romulus Community Schools last week when voters approved the sinking fund millage on the ballot.

Yes votes on the question totaled 2,515 while there were 2,074 no votes on the sinking fund question, which is a limited property tax that can only be used to fund major repairs and renovations to school buildings.

District officials had twice before asked voters to approve the 3 mills for the next 10 years to make needed repairs to school buildings. School officials have said that the funding will allow the repair and renovation of every building in the district.

Affected residents will now pay an additional $3 per every $1,000 of assessed taxable valuation, usually half the market value of the property. Average taxable value of Romulus homes, according to real estate websites, is listed at $37,508 or a little more than $112 annually. Officials estimate the sinking fund will generate about $2.3 million in tax revenue for the schools. The district will not realize any of the funding until the sinking fund is placed on winter tax bills.

The revenue from the sinking fund cannot be used for salaries, benefits, pensions or other school operating expenses but is strictly designated for repairs to buildings. Officials said that many of the 50-year-old school buildings are in dire need of roofing, that boilers and heating units need replacement, that parking lots are in serious need of repair, that building security must be upgraded and that many buildings need utilities as basic as lighting for student areas and classrooms.

Wayne - Westland

Senior Alliance sets annual golf outing

The Senior Alliance is hosting its 2018 Golf Classic fundraiser on Friday, Sept. 7, at Fellows Creek Golf Club to benefit the many programs the service offers. Individual tickets and foursomes are available to reserve now. The Senior Alliance is also seeking sponsorships and/or donations to include in the raffle at the event. All the proceeds from this event help support the Holiday Meals program as well as other program development services.

Each Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, The Senior Alliance provides a warm, nutritious meal for those seniors who do not have an opportunity to enjoy the holiday with friends or loved ones. The Senior Alliance Holiday Meals program fills the gap during these three holidays, when the regular meals-on-wheels program does not operate.

Donations of items such as gift certificates or merchandise to help with the programs are now being sought. A pick up service is available by calling (734) 727-2011 or donated items can be brought to The Senior Alliance office in Wayne.

Financial donations in the form of checks be made out to "The Senior Alliance" and mailed to the Attention of Suzy Radocaj, 5454 Venoy Road, Wayne, MI 48184. The Federal ID # is 38-2322126.

More information is available at the number above or by email at sradocaj@thesenioralliance.org.

The Senior Alliance, Area Agency on Aging 1-C, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that provides services to homebound seniors, disabled adults, and caregivers. The organization helps thousands of seniors and caregivers in 34 communities in southern and western Wayne County. The service network includes in-home and community services such as home care, meals, information, advocacy, loan closet, support services and many other programs critical for seniors to live their best life regardless of their financial or social status.

Schools will ask voters to approve millage

Voters in the Wayne-Westland school district will be asked to approve a 4.48-mill bond proposal on the Nov. 6 General Election ballot.

Members of the Wayne Westland Community Schools Board of Education voted unanimously to place the question on the ballot during the final meeting in July. The proposal, requesting the bond for a 25-year term, could provide $158 million in funding to the school district, earmarked for improvements and repairs to school buildings and athletic fields.

The vote came following a presentation by Deputy Superintendent for Administration and Business Services Jim Larson-Shidler as part of a report from Superintendent of Schools Shelley Holt.

Larson-Shidler told the board members that this bond would require lower payments than the former 2016 bond and that through some refinancing, the district was able to reduce payments during the past two years, "a benefit to taxpayers." The 2016 bond rate was 5.56 mills, according to Larson-Shidler.

Current estimates indicate that the owner of a home with a market value of $100,000 and an SEV of $50,000 would pay an additional $224 annually in school tax if voters approve the ballot question. Homeowners in Wayne, Westland, part of Canton, a section of Inkster and part of Romulus would be affected by the new rate, if approved.

Uber Eats debuts in Westland

Uber Eats, the online food ordering and delivery platform launched by Uber in 2014, is now available in Westland.

Uber Eats partners with restaurants in hundreds of cities around the world, and now has now added Westland to the list. Uber Eats is an online food ordering and delivery app that partners with restaurants to offer a range of cuisines. The app allows residents to get food from restaurants that don't normally deliver, and the meals are usually delivered within 30 minutes or less. Many Westland restaurants have already joined Uber Eats, including Ashley's Beer and Grill, Los Amigos, Anna's House, McDonalds and Olga's Kitchen.

"Having Uber Eats as a convenience for residents and businesses is another step forward for the city," commented city Economic Development Director Charles House, "Not only is Uber Eats providing an easy way to get food from your favorite restaurants, it is also creating new jobs. Anyone 19 years or older can apply to be a delivery partner/driver."

"There is an increasing demand for easy access to good food, with Westland's Shop and Dine District continually growing and attracting destination restaurants," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "Uber Eats will help stimulate our local economy by increasing that access and by creating jobs in the area."

Residents can download the Uber Eats app from the Apple or Google Play store.

Library millage is OK'd

Wayne voters were strongly in favor of their local community library last week, casting 1,907 votes in favor of a 10-year, 1-mill tax to support improvements and operations at the facility.

The funds will also be used for new materials and books...

Nearly 70 percent of voters were in favor of the millage with only 851 no votes cast on the primary election ballot Aug. 7. Estimates from city officials indicate that the millage will generate about $334,000 the first year, which will be available to the library in 2019.

One planned use for the funding is a new roof at the library, which is 20 years old and in serious need of repair, according to Library Director Steven McGladdery. The funds will also be used for new materials and books, items cut from the library budget for several years due to the lack of funding. Hours at the facility were also reduced in cost-cutting measures and prior to the vote, McGladdery said that increasing the hours the library is available to the public was a priority.

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$175 per golfer, includes 18 hole scramble, continental breakfast, lunch, dinner banquet, prizes and fun.
Proceeds help benefit the Holiday Meals Program and other senior services.
www.thesenioralliance.org/the-senior-alliance-2018-golf-classic/
The Senior Alliance provides senior services in 34 communities in Western Wayne County.

INKSTER - ROMULUS

Honored

Ceremony planned for Medal of Honor winner

A deceased Medal of Honor recipient will finally get his deserved recognition at a special ceremony at 6 p.m. Aug. 23 at the Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Organizers of the tribute to the late Charles Cawetzka are planning an unveiling of a new cemetery monument that states the late Army hero was indeed a Medal of Honor recipient.

The medal was issued to Mr. Cawetzka in 1902 by President Theodore Roosevelt for his heroism during the Philippine-American War on Aug. 23, 1900, in Sariaya in the province of Quezon, Philippines.

However, Mr. Cawetzka's original government-issued headstone does not recognize him as a Medal of Honor recipient. Nor does it state he was recognized for his service in the Philippine-American War.

The current headstone shows his dates of birth (March 1, 1877) and death (Oct. 23, 1951) and states he served as a corporal in the Army in the 30th United States Volunteer Infantry in the Spanish-American War.

Determined to correct the oversight when U.S. government officials said they could not issue a new headstone, members of the Romulus Cemetery Board organized a successful grassroots fundraiser - a spaghetti dinner - on April 20 at the Romulus Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9568.

At $10 per ticket, the dinner raised enough funds to purchase a new cemetery monument. About 200 people were in attendance.

Mr. Cawetzka's family members will be in attendance on Aug. 23, just as they supported the spaghetti dinner.

Janet Lemmon, chairwoman of the Romulus Cemetery Board, said the ceremony Aug. 23 will include Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff; Director of Fire Services and Emergency Management Kevin Krause, who is also a retired U.S. Army specialist; Chaplains Brian and Michelle Major; the VFW color guard; Donna Rekuta of the VFW; Boy Scouts Troop 872; members of the Cemetery Board, and Riverview resident Greg Farino, a retired Army master sergeant who discovered the Medal of Honor omission.

A living Medal of Honor recipient, Charles Kettles of Ypsilanti, will unveil the monument.

"This is history," Lemmon said. "We are encouraging the public to come out and acknowledge what our veterans have done for us. Without our veterans, where would we be?"

Farino learned of the Medal of Honor omission and researched Mr. Cawetzka's military history, discovering that he "single-handedly defended a disabled comrade against a greatly superior force of the enemy."

Farino said he loves military history, studies military gravesites and corrects mistakes and omissions. He was researching another gravesite when he learned of Mr. Cawetzka's grave. He noted the Medal of Honor is the highest honor of the military.

According to records discovered by Farino, seven months before the incident that led to the Medal of Honor, Mr. Cawetzka was severely wounded in both thighs during an engagement in the town of Imus in the Philippine province of Cavite.

On Aug. 23, 1900, he single-handedly guarded a wounded comrade until reinforcements arrived during a battle in the Philippines.

Farino contacted the office of City Clerk Ellen Craig Bragg and then followed up with an appearance at a Cemetery Board meeting last October to make his case. Lemmon met with Burcroff, who gave his blessing on a campaign to fund a new monument.

Romulus Public Services Director Robert McCraight contacted a representative of the Veterans Administration and learned that since Mr. Cawetzka has a "historic" headstone that is "still serviceable," the marker would not be replaced by the government. And even if it were to break and needed to be replaced, a replacement would include the original language, which did not include recognition of the Medal of Honor.

The Cemetery Board purchased the monument with the help of Crane Funeral Home of Romulus and Inch Monuments of Northville.

"We are honored to have a 187-year-old cemetery with a Medal of Honor recipient in it," Lemmon said. "We are paying tribute to a man 116 years late. This day will be for Charles Cawetzka and his family."

Members of Mr. Charles Cawetzka's family including three of his grandchildren, in the front row, their spouses behind them along with great-grandchildren and even a great-great-grandchild display the Medal of Honor certificate he was awarded, the highest military award granted in the United States. Photo by Dave Grogan

Mr. Charles Cawetzka

Free Health Fair is Sunday

Adventist Community Services will present a health fair from noon until 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19.

The event will take place at American International Academy, 27100 Avondale St. in Inkster.

The health fair is free and will include health screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose and stroke risk assessment, provided by professionals from Beaumont Hospital.

There will be free school supplies, prizes and refreshments at the event, organizers said.

Also planned is a bounce house for children and representatives from Neighborhood Legal Services/Michigan Elder Law, Oak Street Health, Senior Alliance Service Network and Wayne Emergency Care.

The event is a presentation of the Sharon Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 28537 Cherry St. in Inkster.

For more information about the free event, call (313) 293-9753.

Mother facing charges as toddler left in car

An Inkster woman has been charged with child abuse for leaving her 3-year-old unattended in a vehicle for more than five hours.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged Talayia Lara Renee Wellams, 25, of Inkster, in connection with leaving the child in a vehicle in the Motor City Casino parking garage.

According to prosecutors, security officers from Motor City Casino discovered the 3-year-old alone in a vehicle parked on the third floor of the casino parking garage at about 7:20 a.m. Aug. 3. The defendant and her aunt were discovered inside the casino approximately five hours later, according to official reports. Wellams has been charged with child abuse - second degree and leaving a child in a car unattended. She was arraigned on Saturday, Aug. 4, in 34th District Court when she received a $50,000 or 10 percent bond.

A preliminary court examination is scheduled for tomorrow before Judge William McConico in 36th District Court.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, **September 5, 2018** 7:00 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday, September 5, 2018** at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road to consider the following petitions:

1. BZA-2018-013; **Adrian Blindu** requesting a variance from *Section 13.03(a)(2) Fences* of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a fence in the front yard. Fences are not permitted in the front yard in the R-1A/RCOD, residential zoning district. The subject property is located at 38989 Wabash (Parcel ID #80-118-99-0009-000).

2. TEMP-2018-006; **Deranged Haunted Attraction** requesting temporary use approval for an outdoor haunted attraction with a walking trail and temporary structure from 9/21/18 through 10/28/18. The subject property is located at 35560 Goddard (Parcel ID #80-068-01-0027-002).

3. BZA-2018-014; **Paradise Construction Group** requesting a variance from *Section 8.04(a), Schedule of Regulations, M-T Industrial Transportation District* of the Zoning Ordinance to maintain the existing 0-foot side setback; a side setback of 10 feet is required. The applicant is proposing a building addition and redevelopment of a gravel parking lot for a contractor's office. The subject property is located at 27990 Wick (Parcel ID #80-048-99-0041-000).

Copies of the applications are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours which are 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said requests. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 23, 2018
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.
Excused: Kathy Abdo, Tina Talley.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Barb Fitzgerald, Deputy Clerk
Excused: Stacy Paige, Treasurer
1. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-243 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 9, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-244 2B. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 9, 2018 – Open Session, Saw Grant **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
3. Petitioner
18-245 3A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Williams** to approve the request from Edward Evanoff, 37244 Wabash, for a block party to be held on Saturday, August 11, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
4. Chairperson's Report
18-246 4A. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Roscoe** to recognize Mary Geneva Dendy on her 90th birthday. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Webb** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. Mayor's Report
Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events
18-247 5A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and adopt the Annual Community Resolution Accepting Long-Term Maintenance of Storm Water Management System. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-248 5B. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and extend Bid Award 17/18-23 for the purchase of two 2019 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD vehicles for the Romulus Police Department with Signature Ford in the amount of $65,730. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-249 5C. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and extend Bid Award 17/18-24 for the up-fitting of two 2019 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD vehicles for the Romulus Police Department with ABS Storage Products in the amount of $16,634. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-250 5D. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and award the contract for the replacement parts of the decorative street lights located in the DDA District for the City of Romulus DDA, to the overall lowest bidder, Anixter, Inc., for the purchase of any of the items priced and at the bid price on an as-needed basis for two years, ending May 23, 2020. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-251 5E. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a Development Agreement with Realty Transitions, LLC for the redevelopment and/or demolition of homes on properties that the City acquires from Wayne County from the 2018 tax foreclosure First Right of Refusal sale. Discussion: A resident asked what compensation the City will receive through the Rehab Program, Mayor Burcroff explained more rooftops. Councilman Wadsworth asked for confirmation that this is no cost to the City, confirmed by the mayor. Councilwoman Williams commented that Realty Transitions, LLC has been awarded the bid three years in a row. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Barden, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried**.
18-252 5F (1). Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for all Pumpkin Festival and Parade of Lights activities during the Pumpkin Festival Weekend, September 21 through September 23, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-253 5F (2). Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the closure of Hunt Street between Goddard Road and Bibbins Street beginning at 8:00 a.m., and the closure of Goddard Road between Moore Street and the railroad tracks beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 21, 2018 and ending at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 23, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-254 5F (3). Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and authorize the closure of Goddard Road starting at Wayne Road and ending at Five Points to begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 21, 2018 and re-opening at 10:00 p.m. Friday, September 21, 2018 for the Rotary Parade of Lights. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-255 5G. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the closure of Goddard Road between Sterling Street and Shook Road beginning at 9:00 p.m. on Friday, July 27, 2018 and ending at 12:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 28, 2018 as well as Friday, August 24, 2018 beginning at 9:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 29, 2018 for the Community Events following the Sounds in Downtown. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6A. Clerk's Report
18-256 6A1. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to concur with Building and Safety Director, Robert McCraight, to approve the removal of the single-family residential structure and garagelocated at 35606 Bibbins from Demolition List 18-01. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6B. Treasurer's Report
7. Public Comment
A resident commented on the upcoming State Primary Election. Jan Lemmon, Chairperson, Cemetery Board of Trustees, announced the Medal of Honor Ceremony which will take place on Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Romulus Memorial Cemetery.
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
Councilman Wadsworth informed that he has received calls regarding the tall weeds obstructing the view of traffic on Pennsylvania Road between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads. Mayor Burcroff will look into that matter.
10. Communication
Councilwoman Williams informed that all refreshments will be free at the Friday movie night this week at the APA/Coleman Center Festival; spectators just need to bring a chair.
18-257 11. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Webb** to pay Warrant 18-14 in the amount of $1,656,296.09. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 23, 2018

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Belleville - Northville

New principal named at Thornton Creek school

Deagon M. Jewett is the new principal at Thornton Creek Elementary School in Northville.

Members of the Northville Board of Education unanimously approved Jewett's appointment at their Aug. 7 meeting. He succeeds Jennifer Bennett who in late-June accepted a position as a literacy coach with another school district.

Jewett comes to Northville Public Schools from Plymouth-Canton Community schools where he served for the past two years in the position of Student Support Coordinator at Eriksson Elementary School, which serves students from preschool through fifth grade.

Prior to his role as Student Support Coordinator, Jewett was a classroom teacher at Plymouth-Canton Eriksson and Isbister Elementary schools for nine years teaching first through third grades. During that time he also chaired the School Improvement, Building Equity Leadership, and Culturally Proficient Instruction teams, including working with colleagues and administration to realign curriculum with the Common Core Standards and modify instruction to prepare students to be college, career and culture ready. In addition, from 2013-15 he served as site coordinator for the Plymouth-Canton elementary and middle school summer program.

"Mr. Jewett is well-versed in instruction, curriculum, data-driven decision-making and continuous improvement, while also sharing a passion for The Leader in Me framework and a positive school culture," said Northville School Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher. "He is committed to working collaboratively with teachers, students and families to build on Thornton Creek's tradition of excellence and foster opportunities for continued growth. We are excited to have Mr. Jewett as part of the Thornton Creek and Northville Public Schools team."

Jewett has his bachelor of science in elementary education from Michigan State University (MSU); his Master in the Art of Teaching from Wayne State University; and most recently completed his School Administrator's Certificate at MSU.

"I was first attracted to Northville because of its public school system, which is why my wife and I moved to Northville eight years ago," Jewett said. "We wanted our children to have access to an excellent education, and be raised in a community that shares our values and beliefs."

"Beyond the district's commitment to excellence, The Leader in Me model, and its dedication to integrating technology, it is evident that Thornton Creek and its community have a shared vision to educate the whole child - not just academically, but socially and emotionally as well," Jewett added. "While visiting the school as part of the interview process, student leaders shared what is most important to them and how proud they are of their school. I was impressed with the students and how excited each was to be a leader at Thornton Creek."

Deagon M. Jewett

Jewett lives in Northville with his wife, Adrienne, and their two daughters, Lucille, going into fourth grade and Rose, going into first grade, at Moraine Elementary School.

Belleville man charged in hit-and-run incident

A Belleville man is facing criminal charges in a hit and run accident that injured a Detroit Police officer.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged Jonathan David Cole, 19, of Belleville,in connection with the hit-and-run pedestrian car crash that severely injured Detroit Police Ofc. Fadi Shukur, 30.

Prosecutors allege that at about 2:40 a.m. Aug. 4 while Detroit police officers were assisting with crowd control in the 18800 block of West McNichols near Stahelin Street, Cole struck Shukur as he was walking back to his patrol car.

Cole was allegedly driving his vehicle at a high rate of speed when he struck the officer. Prosecutors allege that Cole fled the scene but later turned himself in at a Detroit Police precinct. It is alleged that while Ofc. Shukur was walking to his scout car, the defendant struck him with his vehicle which was traveling at a high rate of speed.

Cole has been charged with reckless driving causing serious impairment to a bodily function and failure to stop at the scene of an accident resulting in serious impairment. He was arraigned last week in 36th District Court before Magistrate Millicent Sherman who required a $150,000/cash or surety bond and ordered no contact with any witnesses including his mother and father.

A preliminary examination is scheduled for Aug. 21 before Judge Kenneth King in 36th District Court.

Library

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walk around the library, especially to observe the children.

The library is an early literacy hub for preschoolers and toddlers, who are "getting excited about having a book," she said. That's both personal and professional for Mannisto, who's a new grandma to a granddaughter about 4 months old and "long-awaited."

"So important to get their little brains going. We're a source for that," said Mannisto, who has two married daughters.

She's proud of library programs ranging from Detroit/Northville history, architecture, support for those with low vision and more. She's able to buy some books for the collection, too, as hers is a smaller library where directors do some of that.

A Books & Brews Book Group is drawing in readers in their 20s and 30s, with "Crazy Rich Asians" by Kevin Kwan among the book titles. Mannisto is pleased her library had a discussion on "Hidden Figures" by Margot Lee Shetterly telling of the black women mathematicians who worked for NASA in its early days and overcame much discrimination.

"Reading about other cultures? Absolutely. That's critical," said Mannisto, who's also proud of public library transparency, including an annual August budget review, on Aug. 23 this year.

She tips her hat to Karen Fehl, a librarian now Mannisto's assistant. "I work with an absolutely wonderful and dedicated team of librarians and support staff. That will be one of the hardest things to leave behind, my colleagues," said Mannisto.

She likes to garden and travel in her free time, and looks forward to seeing extended family in her retirement. Mannisto reads fiction and nonfiction, generally one of each simultaneously.

"It's such an interesting time we're living in," added Mannisto, who keeps up with major news developments, too.

The building on Main Street is 22 years old, and aging. It had to close for four days this past April due to extensive water damage.

"So it's been an interesting year. Challenging but fun," she said.

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Local veterinarian is honored

Mary Beth Leininger, DVM, a veterinarian for more than five decades and the first woman president of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) has been named as the seventh #Germinder20 #PowerofPinkHonoree.

Leininger has designated the student scholarship fund at Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine to receive the $1,000 cash prize that comes with the award.

"Dr. Leininger is beloved by her colleagues, she excels at everything she does, and her love of veterinary medicine knows no bounds. My gratitude to this amazing honoree deepens with every passing year. She epitomizes all that is right with veterinary medicine, never wavering from her core beliefs. We all still have so much to learn from her," said Lea-Ann Germinder, president, Germinder + Associates, Inc.

Leininger made the decision to become a veterinarian in second-grade, she said, and kept that focus. She said that while today there are more veterinarians who have made that career decision later in life: they either found out about the veterinary world during college, or they made a second career choice.

"Regardless of when a person finally makes the decision that this is the path that they're going to pursue, most of us stick with it. There is no other option. This is going to be what we're going to do…. Period," she said.

She grew up in Ohio but attended Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine during a time there were only a few female veterinarians. She said that it simply never occurred to her that she couldn't be a veterinarian and she had strong support from her parents who believed in her and her career choice. She graduated from veterinary college in 1967, one of only seven women in her class of 55.

She and her husband, Steve, also a veterinarian, owned a small-animal practice in Plymouth from 1971 until 1999 prior to their retirement. She said seeing generations of pets with the same families was a fulfilling experience.

"Most of us practitioners are drawn to veterinary medicine because we love animals, but - in fact - it was the people that made our practice so fulfilling. Extraordinarily loyal clients. Clients that loved us. Clients that trusted us. One of the great things about veterinary practice is that you get to have such meaningful relationships with your clients," she said.

Her advice to veterinarians today can be applied to nearly every profession.

"I think veterinarians need to remember that the words we use matter. When you're talking to clients, we shouldn't expect them to understand medical jargon: we need to make our explanations as simple as possible," she said

"We need to be careful how we phrase things: explain things in the simplest way possible, make it easy for clients to understand, and help them agree with our diagnostic and therapeutic recommendations. And today's clients are going to question our advice. Clients are much more medically sophisticated now than they used to be," she added.

Germinder and Leininger first met when Leininger was the president-elect of the AVMA and Germinder presented "Pets Need Dental Care, Too!" to the public relations council. Later the two worked together on dozens of media interviews during Leininger's tenure as AVMA president, as spokesperson for National Veterinary Month and later as Leininger oversaw the Mark Morris and Leo Bustad Award programs for Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc.

"It is so generous of Lea-Ann to include me as one of her Germinder20 Power of Pink Honorees! I have treasure the many years we have worked together and am grateful to call her my friend," said Leininger.

Leininger retired last year as vice president, Veterinary Relations for the Hartville Group. She now plans to devote considerable time to volunteerism focused on the student debt issue.

Most recently, Leininger served on the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education, 2012 to 2018. She was president of the AVMA from 1996 to 1997. She served the AVMA Board of Governors from 1995-97 and was on the AVMA Executive Board from 1995 to 1998.

Mary Beth Leininger

She served on the council on public relations from 1985 to 1994 and was chair from1987 to 1988.Leininger held several other high-profile positions. From 2009 to 2011 she was project manager for the North American Veterinary Medical Education Consortium, (NAVMEC) an initiative of the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, Washington DC. From 1999 to 2009 she was the director of professional affairs for Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc.

Shakespeare Festival continues on Canton stage

The Michigan Shakespeare Festival at The Village Theatre at Cherry Hill will continue for only another two weeks. The 24th season will bring Shakespeare's The Tempest, Measure for Measure, and The Rover by Aphra Behn, the first professional woman playwright, to the Canton stage.

The Tempest, Shakespeare's final play, is a stirring fairy tale of depraved royalty, foolish clowns, languishing lovers, and the quest to make things right in the face of terrible wrongs. The Tempest is directed by Artistic Associate Robert Kauzlaric, an award-winning director and actor whose previous productions (As You Like It, Cymbeline, Love's Labour's Lost, She Stoops to Conquer, Tartuffe) have all been crowd favorites. Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. today, Aug. 16 and at 2 p.m. Aug. 18. Measure for Measure is one of Shakespeare's most contentious comedies, which rings true with legal, social, and political issues still occurring today, all tempered with a darkly-comic wit. Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. Aug. 17 and 3 p.m. Aug. 19.

Aphra Behn's 1667 bawdy comedy, The Rover, rounds out the season. Translator, playwright, poet, and spy, Aphra Behn was one of the first English women to earn her living through writing. Amid duels and disguises, set against the backdrop of a nation-wide party, the couples navigate duty, conflict, jealousy, and love in this vibrant 1677 restoration comedy. The final performance is set for 7:30 p.m. Aug. 18.

Ticket prices range from $16-$40, discounts are available for AARP and AAA members, veterans, firefighters, police officers and teachers. Purchase tickets online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5300. Tickets can also be purchased at The Village Theater Box Office one hour prior to show time.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI 48187 For more information about Michigan Shakespeare Festival 2018 Season, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org, or call (734) 394-5300.

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four-plus-year window. That's followed by township primary roads at approximately seven-eight years.

He said local neighborhood streets will begin to see relief in 2019-20 but will take the entire 20-year millage life to reach objectives.

Williams added, "The final attainment of the Roads Task Force goals can only be achieved with incremental / additional and continued efforts with our roads partners at Wayne County and MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation).

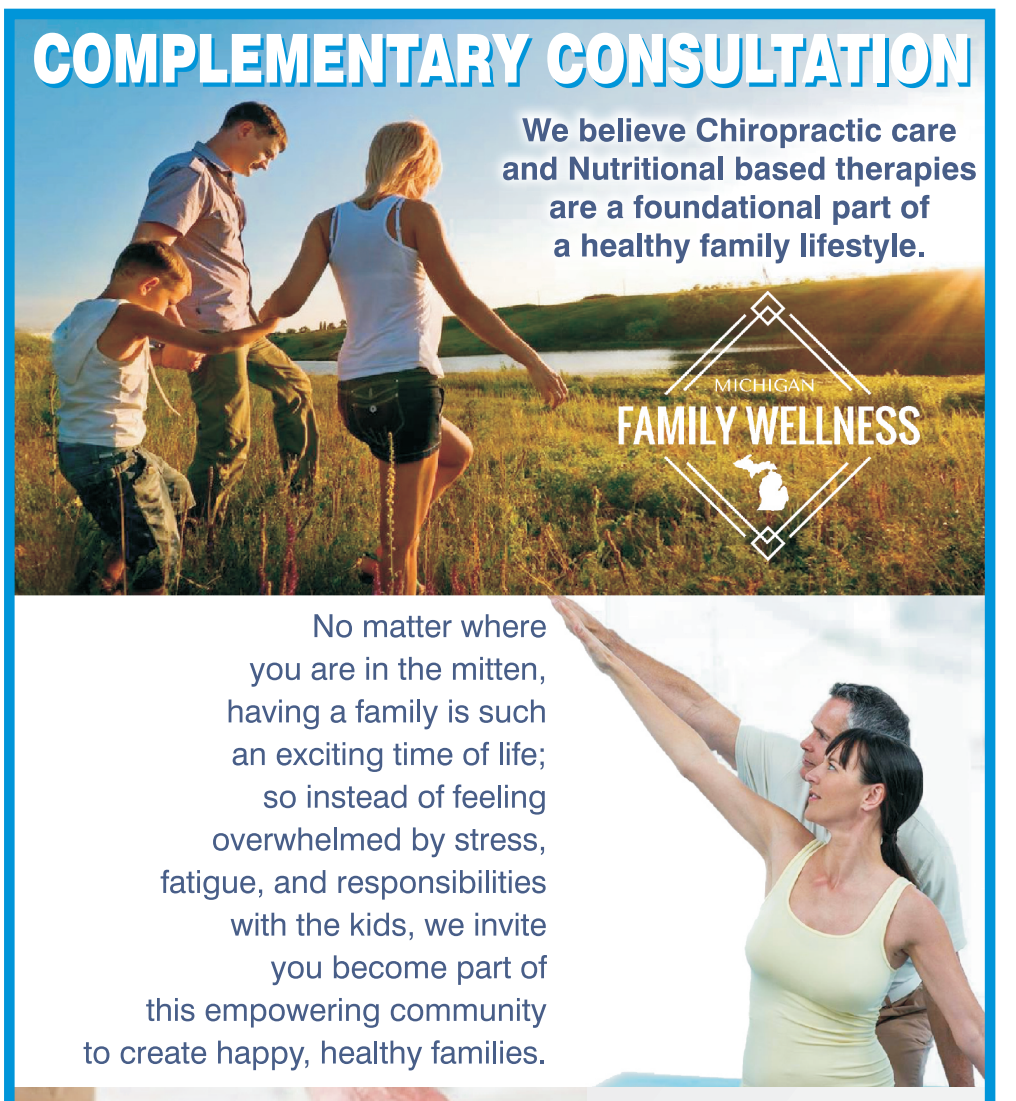
Teens plan charity walk

A group of students from local high schools have organized a Walk for Warriors that will take place from 5-9 p.m. Aug. 24 in Heritage Park in Canton Township.

This family-friendly event includes a walkathon around the Heritage Park pond, entertainment, speakers, and a children's booth.

All proceeds from the Walk for Warriors will be donated to The Wounded Warrior Project, a nationally recognized non-profit organization that provides aid, both mental and physical, to current veterans.

Speakers include Merrill Griffin, newsletter editor and past president of Michigan Military Moms . Entertainment includes live music from local high school students in the Plymouth-Canton community. For more information, visit: https://bit.ly/2vDpcCi .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Calendar of events

Village displays artist's work

The work of Plymouth artist Kay Masini is now on display at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

The exhibit, titled People See. People Do, comprise representational abstract paintings of many life situations. The art will remain on display through Aug. 29.

Beautification awards available

As part of the Neighborhood Makeover Program in Westland, the Department of Neighborhood Services, along with the newly-created Beautification Commission is looking to reward businesses and residents making an extra effort to improve their homes and buildings for themselves and the community.

According to a release from the office of Mayor William R. Wild, individuals are encouraged to nominate those around the community who have recently added to their property's appeal. Awardees will be recognized with a certificate and will have the chance to be recognized as a grand winner at a Westland City Council meeting. Visit www.cityofwestland.com/beautifulcity for more information or to make a nomination.

Art exhibit under way

A solo exhibit of the paintings of artist Sharlene Welton titled Refuge is under way at the Westland City Hall Gallery, 36300 Warren Road in Westland.

The paintings will be one display from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday until Aug. 29.

Some of the art will be for sale. The exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information, contact www.artbysharlene.com or thewildbeasts@comcast.net.

City shows movies

The City of Romulus is expecting huge crowds for free outdoor Movies in the Park.

Jumanji will be shown at dusk on Friday, Aug. 17, at Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt St.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive early and bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating. Movies will start at 8:30 or 9 p.m.

The city will spray for mosquitoes to cut down on insects.

For more information, call (734) 941-8665.

Police plan Movie Night

The Inkster Police Department will host Movie Night beginning at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24 in the parking lot at the police station, 26279 Michigan Ave. in Inkster.

The movie this month will be Ferdinand, rated PG. There will be free fresh popped popcorn, hot dogs and snow cones.

The movie will be shown outside so participants are advised to dress for the weather and bring a chair or blanket for seating.

New trees available

Westland is offering a tree planting program in line with the city Mission: Green Initiative.

The tree planting program is aimed at replacing the many residential trees that were killed by the invasive Emerald Ash Borer insect, according to a statement from the office of Mayor William R. Wild.

For a nominal fee, the city will plant a new, healthy tree resistant to this insect. Each new tree is guaranteed for one year, with proper care and maintenance. Homeowners who lost a tree to the Emerald Ash Borer Disease will receive priority first-round planting while those who have not will be placed on a wait list for future rounds of beautification planting.

Trees ordered through the program will be planted in the right-of-way space between the sidewalk and the curb. The final planting location in this space will be determined by the professional installer to ensure healthy clearances from any objects or obstructions.

For more information or to order a tree, residential property owners can visit https://squareup.com/store/westlandtree

Blood Drive in Plymouth

An American Red Cross Blood Drive is set from 10 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, at Plymouth City Hall.

There is an emergency blood shortage and all donors are needed, according to Red Cross officials.

All blood donors will receive a $5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email. The drive will take place in the second floor chamber of the Plymouth City Commission. City hall is located at 201 South Main St. in downtown Plymouth.

To learn more or to schedule an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org. Enter sponsor code PCH or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). For donor eligibility questions, call 866-236-3276

Cardboard boat races return

Local sailors will cast off and race toward victory in the 5th Annual Summit on the Park Cardboard Boat Race, which will take place starting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30 at the Summit on the Park.

Participants build their own custom vessels no bigger than 5 1/2 feet wide by 10 feet long using only cardboard, duct tape and paint.

Racing categories include: age groups 8 years and under, as well as 9 years of age and older.

Register online at www.summitonthepark.org or at the Summit front desk. Cardboard Boat Race event fees per boat are: $10 for Summit members; $15 for Canton residents and $20 for non-residents. Need help with supplies? For just $10, take part in a special build day on Aug. 29.

For additional information and race rules, visit www.summitonthepark.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Tai Chi classes offered

Tai Chi, a gentle form of exercise, can help maintain strength, flexibility and balance There is evidence that this mind and body practice has value in treating or preventing many health problems. This low-impact, slow-motion exercise can be adapted for anyone. A 10-week session is being offered beginning Tuesday, Sept. 11. The fee is $65 for the 10-week course.

Participants must pre-register by Tuesday, Sept. 5 at Wayne Senior Services (734) 721-7460. The program is being offered by the City of Wayne Senior Services and will take place at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne.

Free Android Smartphone workshop

Attend a free hands-on technology workshop from AARP. Learn how to get the most from your mobile device. Devices will be provided for practice and all participants will get a free touch screen stylus pen.

Sessions are planned for 10-11:30 a.m. and noon until 1 p.m. Sept 6.

The morning session will cover Intro to Android and the afternoon session will add Beyond the Basics to the class. Sessions are also set for 2:30 to 4 p.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

To register, Call AARP at 1-800-213-4587 or register online at aarp.cvent.com/tekdetr.

The programs are being offered by the City of Wayne Senior Services and will take place at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne.

Free legal advice available

Senior residents in Wayne who have legal questions can spend 15 minutes with an attorney at no cost on Thursday, Sept. 6.

Spaces are limited so advance registration is urged by calling the Wayne Senior Services Office at (734)721-7460.

The program is being offered by the City of Wayne Senior Services and will take place at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne.

Coffee With A Cop Wednesday

The Inkster Police Department will continue to host Coffee With A Cop the third Wednesday of each month.

The Sept. 12 event will take place beginning at 6:30 p. m. at Gracie See Pastaria,

There is no agenda or speeches, just an opportunity to enjoy a cup of coffee with a local police officers, ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the neighborhood officers.

The restaurant is located at 26734 Michigan Ave. in Inkster.

Tickets

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Rob Costanza, owner of Station 885, will sponsor the party that will continue following the Taste Fest with live music and a cash bar.

Pre-sale tickets are priced at $15 for adults and $5 for children ages 5-10. Children younger than 5 are admitted free with an adult. Tickets can be purchased at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce or Station 885 by noon on Sept. 7. They can also be purchased on Aug. 31 at the Civitan booth during Music in the Air.

Tickets purchased at the event will be priced at $20 this year with tickets for children ages 5-10 priced at $10. Credit cards will be accepted.

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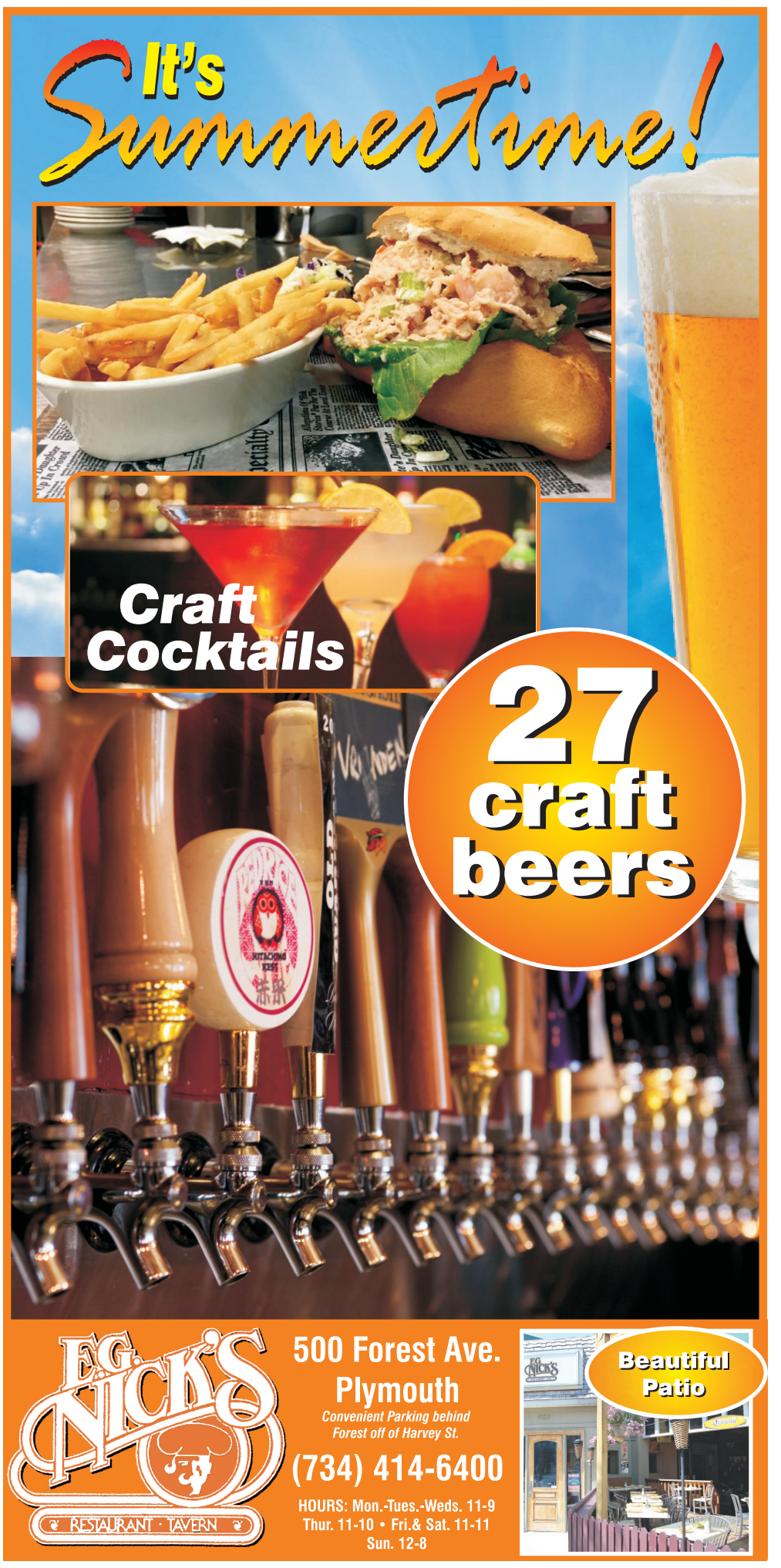

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